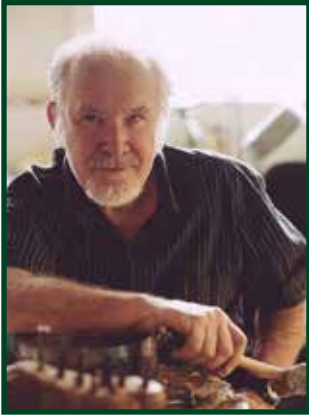




The Garces Memorial Alumni Board presents  
the 16th annual

# Hall of Honor



Don Lucas



Janie (Clerou) Reiland '66



Mary Trichell



Andrew Zaninovich



The Edith & Domenick Bianco Family

Thursday, November 14, 2024

## A Message From The Chairman

Welcome to the 16th annual Garces Memorial High School Hall of Honor Awards Banquet. The Hall of Honor was established in 2008 to publicly recognize and pay tribute to individuals who have demonstrated a continuing commitment to, and promotion of, the values, mission, and philosophy of Garces Memorial High School.

Tonight, the Hall of Honor will recognize and pay tribute to four very deserving individuals and one very special family. The 2024 Hall of Honor inductees are Don Lucas, Janie Reiland '66, Mary Trichell, and Andrew Zaninovich. The 2024 Garces Alumni Award will be given to The Edith & Domenick Bianco Family.

The inductees and the Bianco family are long-time supporters of Garces and advocates for Garces Memorial in the local community. It is due to people like them that Garces has a rich history of alumni and families who make Garces possible. We have included a brief overview of each of them on the following pages.

Garces Memorial High School is a very special place, a place that was founded in faith 77 years ago, is rooted in tradition, and growing in excellence. With that in mind, there is a common thread that binds tonight's honorees - they have proudly and courageously upheld the values of our school and have brought pride to the good name of Garces Memorial High School. Their involvement with our school, and with the greater Garces community, has been selfless, generous, and integral to the history and to the future of Garces Memorial High School.

Thank you for joining us this evening as we honor these wonderful people for all they have done and continue to do for Garces Memorial High School.

Gregg Gunner '66

Chairman

Garces Memorial Alumni Board

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*Jenny Etcheverry '06*

# Hall of Honor Agenda

5:00 - 6:30 pm

No-host Cocktails

6:30 - 6:45 pm

Welcome

Steven Antongiovanni '76, Garces President

Master of Ceremonies

Gregg Gunner '66, Alumni Board Chairman

Dessert Dash Details

Maria Toretta '88, Alumni Board Member

Opening Prayer

6:45 - 7:30 pm

Dinner

7:30 - 7:45 pm

Alumni Scholarship Dessert Dash

7:45 - 8:45 pm

Induction Ceremony

## DON LUCAS

*Introduction by Alumni Board Member Jim Sakowski '70*

## JANIE (CLEROU) REILAND '66

*Introduction by Alumni Board Member George Clerou '76*

## MARY TRICHELL

*Introduction by Alumni Board Member Maria Toretta '88*

## ANDREW ZANINOVICH

*Introduction by Alumni Board Member Courtney Tobias '92*

8:45 - 9:00 pm

## THE GARCES ALUMNI AWARD

## THE EDITH & DOMENICK BIANCO FAMILY

*Introduction by Alumni Board Member Raji Sanghera '87*

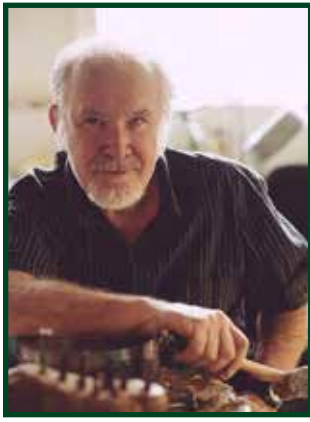
9:00 - 9:30 pm

Closing Remarks

Gregg Gunner '66

Closing Prayer

Garces Alma Mater



## *Don Lucas*

*Introduction by Alumni Board Member  
Jim Sakowski '70*

Don Lucas began his Catholic education at St. Francis School and spent his freshman year at Garces Memorial. He transferred to Bellarmine High School and graduated in 1968. Don went on to Loyola Marymount University where he met his lovely wife, Cathy. Don and Cathy sent five of their six children to Garces – Dylan Lucas '90, Annalee Gooding '92, Carmella Garabedian '94, and Fredrick Lucas '99.

Will Lucas started at Garces and graduated from St. Paul's in Phoenix. Andrew Lucas graduated from Brophy High School. While their children were at Garces, Don became an active voice and supporter of the school. Cathy generously volunteered her time for the Garces Gala for over a decade.

Don served on the Garces School Board for ten years. During his tenure on the school board, Don was instrumental in bringing Ed Hearn to Garces in 1991, turning the school around and putting Garces back on track. Don worked on the 2010 Plan, which provided a road map that was followed for many years by the school's leadership, resulting in several campus improvements. Don also served on the committee for the 2018-2024 Strategic Plan.

Don has been very generous in his support of the school, sharing his time, treasure, and talents. As the owner of Don Lucas Fine Silver Jewelry, Don donates pieces to the Gala to help with the school's fundraising efforts. Through the years, his signature jewelry pieces have generated tens of thousands of dollars for the school.

Don and his wife Cathy, continue to be ambassadors for Garces and supporters of Catholic education. In 1999, Cathy brought Youth 2000 to Garces and brought it back twice after that. Cathy also brought Fr. Nathan Cromly to Garces for several years to help with the spiritual formation of the students. In addition to supporting Garces, Don currently sits on the board of the St. Francis School Foundation.

# Janie (Clerou) Reiland '66

*Introduction by Alumni Board Member  
George Clerou '76*



Janie Clerou Reiland is a 1966 Garces Memorial graduate. While at Garces Janie was on the Honor Roll, a member of the Student Council, served as a Class Officer, was a member of the Rally Club and Choir, and was the Head Yell Leader. After graduating from Garces, Janie went on to earn her degree from San Diego State University.

Janie married her high school sweetheart, John Reiland, who is also a member of the class of 1966. They sent their three children to Garces – David Reiland '88, Mary Manuz '93, and Lisa Bolt '96. Their granddaughter, Katelyn Palla '18 also graduated from Garces and their grandson Andrew Bolt '27 is a sophomore.

Janie taught Religion at Garces for 28 years, retiring in 2012. She was a dedicated and compassionate teacher who spent a great deal of time researching and preparing her lessons. Her students loved her and she clearly loved them right back. In addition to teaching, she also served as a club moderator for a Christian Life Community group of young ladies. She served as the department chair from 1991 until her retirement. During her tenure as the Department Chair, she was instrumental in the growth of new teachers and positive changes to the theology curriculum to engage the students in meaningful ways. She spent countless hours collaborating with fellow teachers on lesson plans, planning all school liturgies, and being a friend to everyone on campus.

One of Janie's greatest gifts to Garces was her tireless work on the Retreat program – especially the Senior Retreat. She spent countless hours planning and executing retreats. She came out of retirement to spearhead the first Kairos Retreat. Janie's passion was to help students to have a personal encounter with Jesus, in her classroom and on retreat. During her time at Garces, Janie helped with the spiritual formation of thousands of young people and fulfilling the mission of our school.



## Mary Trichell

*Introduction by Alumni Board Member  
Maria Toretta '88*

Ray and Mary Trichell began their journey with Garces Memorial High School when, at the suggestion of Bob Anspach, they sent their children to Garces - William Ray Harper '82, John Trichell '95, and Sarah Trichell '97. She currently has a grandson at Garces, John Trichell '27, and his brother Joseph Trichell will be a member of the Class of 2031.

Ray and Mary's involvement and support of our little school on the hill began in 1978. They were generous supporters of all things Garces. Through their business, W. A. Thompson, Inc., they donated to Gala, BBQ, and Golf for years – often underwriting all the printing for events. In addition, they gave of their time and resources – including attending the very first Gala and Mary volunteering for the Casual Night Gala “back in the day.” Ray was named the Garces Man of the Year in 1985. He passed away in 1995 and Mary committed to carry on with the business. Mary worked alongside Ray for ten years which provided her a level of preparedness that she didn't know she would need. Mary and her family continue to support our fundraisers as sponsors and attendees. If she is unable to attend, she will donate her table or tickets back to school to provide to local clergy or Garces staff. In 2013, she was named the Garces Person of the year. In 2019, Mary served on the Capital Campaign Feasibility Committee to assist the school in determining direction for school leadership to take as we build for the future.

She is a local philanthropist supporting many causes in our community. She was recognized by Bakersfield College in 2013 at their Sterling Silver Event as their Philanthropist of the Year. In 2013, she was also recognized by the Kern County Fair as their Person of the Year for her support of 4-H and FFA students. She has been recognized several times for her commitment in business as the recipient of the “MillerCoors Legend Award”, the Miller “High Life Achievement Award” and several Coors President's Awards for sales execution. In 2022 she was recognized by Garden Pathways at their annual “Women with a Heart for Bakersfield” High Tea. She is in the East Bakersfield High School Hall of Fame, the BC Alumni Hall of Fame, and BC Athletic Hall of Fame as the 2024 Community MVP. Through their family foundation, they have provided funding to numerous non-profits with a focus on cancer research, children's health care, neuroscience research, and education. In honor of her late husband Ray and to carry on his legacy, Mary supports the Glennville Rodeo, who honored her with the 2014 GMVA Glennville Rodeo Legacy Award.

Mary maintains an office and is very active in our community. Along with her support of local non-profits, she is a member of the Rotary Club of Bakersfield (Downtown). She served on the Board of Bakersfield Country Club and was awarded the Corsaro/Kovacevich Award for her outstanding dedication and service to BCC.

# Andrew Zaninovich

*Introduction by Alumni Board Member  
Courtney Tobias '92*



Andrew Zaninovich has been a staunch, behind the scenes supporter of Garces Memorial High School. Andrew became involved at Garces Memorial in the fall of 2016, when he and his wife Katy decided to send their children to Garces for a Catholic high school education – Thomas Zaninovich '20, Peter Zaninovich '22, and Marie Zaninovich '24. While his children were here, Andrew was everywhere they were – football games, wrestling tournaments, water polo matches, swim meets and FFA events. If any of the activities his children were involved in needed something, he stepped up. He and Katy supported not only their children, but everyone around them in the Garces Family.

In 2014, Andrew helped start the Bakersfield Youth Lacrosse Program and since 2017, he has been the head coach of the boys Garces Rams Lacrosse Club Program. Lacrosse is one of the most popular clubs on our campus and has provided an opportunity for so many to compete who might otherwise not have an opportunity to play a sport during spring. Though it pains him to leave the boys club, Andrew is eager to lead the inaugural Girls Varsity lacrosse team at Garces and in Kern County for the 2025 season.

Through his business, he has offered so many opportunities for the Garces FFA participants and many recent alumni to have hands on experience, summer work and internships. They visit his grape vineyards and under Andrew's tutorage and instruction, learned the basics in wine production, packaging and label design. At the year end FFA Awards Dinner, they have their wine available to enjoy.

Andrew has a generous heart and donates wine, grapes and raisins from his family's business, to every Garces fundraising event. During Covid, he provided the wine and his wine maker for a Zoom wine tasting to help the Garces Parent Club raise funds to support our students and teachers during the pandemic.

He is a quiet, anonymous donor to Garces who likes to give without notoriety or acclaim. He is a believer in Catholic education and a wonderful ambassador for our school. Since 2018, he has served on the Board of Directors for the Bakersfield Catholic Education Foundation. Andrew has served on various committees in support of the future of the school. He often provides guidance and leadership for the future direction of Garces Memorial High School.

Andrew has a Bachelors of Science degree in Plant Sciences from UC Davis and an MBA from Santa Clara University. He and Katy have been married since 2001. Professionally, Andrew enjoys collaborating with the research community and grape growers throughout the state working on horticultural and economically challenging projects. Closer to home, Andrew is particularly proud to be a member of a fourth generation California grape and wine company. He remains committed to respecting the previous traditions and accomplishments while solidifying the foundation for future generations.



# 2024 Garces Alumni Award

## The Edith & Domenick Bianco Family

*Introduction by Alumni Board Member Raji Sanghera '87*



Edith and Domenick “Cookie” Bianco have been part of the Garces family for over 50 years. It began when they sent their daughters to Garces – Dominique (Bianco) Buck '77, Concetta Bianco '82, and Vincenza (Bianco) Eddy '89. While their daughters were enrolled at Garces they were involved in almost every aspect of the school. They attended and supported Garces fundraising efforts – The Garces Gala, The Garces Steak Bake now known as the Holy Smoke BBQ, and the Monsignor Leddy Golf Tournament. They helped with the Booster Club and the Parent Club. Cookie served on the Garces Memorial School Board and was instrumental in the building of Monsignor Leddy Hall. His name will forever be on a plaque in the lobby of MLH. To this day, Edith and Cookie continue to support Garces and you will often see them at the Gala, the BBQ, sporting events, or at our Grandparents Mass.

Their grandchildren are all Garces alumni – Domenick Buck '06, Bianca (Bruce) Vinson '09, Anthony Buck '10, Domenick Eddy '22, Gemma Eddy '24, and Natalia Eddy '25.

Cookie is infamously known for his bidding prowess and ability to raise money for the school by getting those around him to bid more. Between Gala and the Golf Reverse Draw, Cookie has been key in leveraging others to up their bids - raising tens of thousands of dollars for Garces. He is also known for a bidding war at one of the Garces Gala's over Donna James' famous chocolate chip cookies. Edith is known for her kindness, elegance, generous spirit, and her sweet service dog, Achilles, who is often seen on campus.

Over the years, Edith and Cookie have attended more Garces sporting events than most. They cheered on their children and grandchildren in volleyball, football, tennis, soccer, basketball, and any other activity a member of their family participated in at Garces. In addition to attending events in support of their children and grandchildren, they have also supported their activities and teams financially as needed.

To say they have been wonderful ambassadors and generous supporters does not begin to define the legacy they have created at Garces. In addition to encouraging others to send their children to Garces and giving to so many areas of need at Garces, they established a college scholarship through the Bakersfield Catholic Education Foundation. Every year, they award college scholarships to deserving Garces seniors to help with the cost of college tuition. The Bianco's are a role model for future Garces Legacy Families.



# *Special Thank You to Tonight's Sponsors*

*Thank you to tonight's Hall of Honor sponsors. Their generosity allows us to provide a complimentary table and awards to each of our inductees and a printed program for each of our guests.*

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# *Garces Memorial Hall of Honor Inductees*

## 2008 Hall of Honor Inductees

The Late Honorable Robert Anspach '54  
The Late Rev. Msgr. Ralph Belluomini '51  
The Late Anthony Cornejo '51  
Mrs. Helen Reischman Haller '57  
The Late Dr. Gerald Haslam '55  
The Late Mr. Joe Hernandez '58  
The Late Jimmie Icardo  
The Late Honorable Larry Kleier '51  
The Late Rev. Msgr. Patrick Leddy  
The Late Sam Tobias

## 2009 Hall of Honor Inductees

The Late Bob Carroll  
The Late John Etcheverry '53  
The Late John Kovacevich  
Mrs. Deborah Cerri Leary '67  
Mr. Patrick Lencioni '83  
The Late Deanna Maraccini McCauley '55  
Mrs. Kay Wall  
The Late Honorable Art Wallace '56

## 2010 Hall of Honor Inductees

The Honorable Gary Friedman '61  
Mrs. Joan Garibaldi  
The Late Justin Meyer '56  
The Late Mary Pogon  
Dr. Ken Ruetters '80  
The Late Mr. Paul Summers '53  
The Late Rev. Msgr. Ronald Swett  
Dr. Richard Tucker

## 2011 Hall of Honor Inductees

Mr. Don Border '50  
Mrs. Joanne (Molinario) Border '58  
Sister Sharon Casey OP  
Mrs. Katherine (Padilla) Cornejo '55  
The Late Honorable Louis Etcheverry '58  
Mr. Mike McCaffrey '64  
The Late Tom Soliz '65  
Mrs. Marianne (Werdel) Witmeyer '85

## 2012 Hall of Honor Inductees

The Late Gene Garibaldi  
Mr. Dan Giordano '66  
Mr. Joe Ziemann

## 2013 Hall of Honor Inductees

Ms. Marianne Laxague '58  
Mr. Gary Ogilvie '55  
The Late Dr. John Ritter

## 2014 Hall of Honor Inductees

The Late Stan Antongiovanni '61  
The Late Dr. Romain Clerou  
The Late Pat Franey  
Mr. Tom Werdel '53

## 2015 Hall of Honor Inductees

Mr. Al Sandrini '57  
Mr. Bill Rector '78  
Mr. Darrell Feliz '70  
Mr. Gino Valpredo '88  
The Late Mr. Greg Robinson '70  
Mr. Jim Sakowski '70

## 2016 Hall of Honor Inductees

The Late Charles Anspach '53  
Rev. Msgr. Michael Braun  
The Late Mrs. Mayie Maitia

## 2017 Hall of Honor Inductees

Mr. Tom Anchordoquy '65  
Mr. Arnold Cattani '64  
The Late Yolanda (Papasergia) Griffiths '51  
The Late Frank Maitia Jr. '60

## 2018 Hall of Honor Inductees

Mr. John Fanucchi '68  
Mr. Joe Munoz '54  
The Late Mr. John Roberts '70  
The Late Mr. Leroy Sacchini

## *Legacy Families*

### 2019 Hall of Honor Inductees

Mr. Gene Bonas '57  
The Late Greg Boylan '70  
Mr. Tom Franconi '52  
Mr. Bernie LeBeau  
Mr. Ken Peters '50

### 2021 Hall of Honor Inductees

Mr. Mark Brown  
The Late Mr. Vince Fanucchi  
Mrs. Donna James  
Mr. Kevin Pascoe  
Mr. Gordon Westhoff

### 2022 Hall of Honor Inductees

Dr. Tom Berry  
Mrs. Joan (Haller) Finch '87  
Me. Ed Hearn  
Mrs. Jenny (Maitia) Poncetta '70

### 2023 Hall of Honor Inductees

Damon Culbertson  
Steve Lewis '64  
Rich Romo '70  
Jeremy Tobias '84

*Thank you to the  
Garces FFA Program and  
their advisor,  
Mrs. Ashleigh Rossi,  
for the lovely floral  
centerpieces on our  
tables tonight.*

*Thank you to  
Andrew Zaninovich for the  
wine on tonight's tables.*

The 2008 President's Award  
*The Luigi Antongiovanni Family*

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*The Louis & Lucie Clerou Family*

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The 2021 Alumni Award  
*The Jan & Tim Sullivan Family*

The 2022 Alumni Award  
*The Kari & Steve Anderson Family*

The 2023 Alumni Award  
*The Laura & Mike Etcheverry Family*

# *Garces Memorial Alma Mater*

All hail to thee, dear Garces  
For united we will stand  
We always will be loyal  
To our brave and mighty Rams!

Our prayers are always for you,  
And with guidance from above  
Though we win or lose we're with you  
For it's Garces High we love!

## *Garces Memorial High School Mission Statement*



Garces Memorial High School is a Catholic, coeducational, college preparatory high school. Our school educates youth to fulfill the mission of Christ by developing students spiritually, academically, and socially.

Our mission commits us to instill in every member of the Garces Memorial community the courage to act with faith, knowledge, compassion, & justice.